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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk / Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Request for Public Hearing

Docket No. 2013-201-WS - Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc.

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On behalf of the residents of Anderson County who are served by Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. (also known as USSC), Representative Brian White and I request that a Public Hearing be held in Anderson County to provide a local opportunity for the customers of this utility to offer testimony and comment concerning USSC's proposed rate increase.

We understand that USSC has applied for an increase of 46% in water rates and an increase of 57% in sewer rates. The impact of USSC's proposed rates on the citizens of Anderson County is unsettling at best.

Additionally, it is our understanding that USSC will be required to notify all of their customers of this Public Hearing at least thirty days prior to the hearing.

Thank you for your assistance in scheduling a public hearing in Anderson County so that the citizens served by this utility might be heard on this important matter.

With kindest regards,

Anne J. Thayer

cc: Scott Elliott, Esquire

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